

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of July 7 — July 13



## COMMUNITY ALERT

**16th Annual  
Garfield Avenue  
Blues, Jazz, Gospel,  
& Arts Festival**

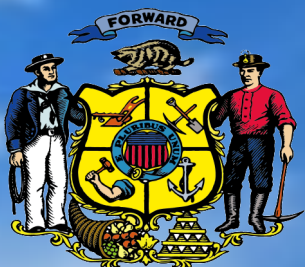
July 19-21, 2013  
On Garfield Avenue  
Near Garfields 502

**6 BLOCK STREET  
FESTIVAL**  
**FREE FREE FREE**

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm  
Here to Serve!

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EDUCATION TOWN HALLS**

Are you concerned about your child's future? Are you curious about how Milwaukee students compare to students around the state? Are you wondering what you can do to help strengthen our education system? If so, you should attend the town hall meeting on Education in Milwaukee. Hosted by Milwaukee Succeeds, the evenings discussion will include details from the new report on education in Milwaukee. The event will take place on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Mary Ryan Boys & Girls Club at 3000 N. Sherman Blvd. If you cannot attend, another meeting will be held on Wed, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m. at the IndependenceFirst building, located at 540 S.

1<sup>st</sup> Street. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sofia Jonas at (414) 336-7045 or [sjonas@milwaukesucceeds.org](mailto:sjonas@milwaukesucceeds.org).

**WHAT HAPPENED TO WOMEN'S EQUALITY IN WI?**

On July 11, 1921, 92 years ago this week, Wisconsin Governor John Blaine signed into law the first ever equal suffrage/equal rights law for women in the nation. The law read, in part: *"Women shall have the same rights and privileges under the law as men in the exercise of suffrage, freedom of contract, choice of residence for voting purposes, jury service, holding office, holding & conveying property, care and custody of children, and in all other respects."* As we reflect on the last 92 years, including recent legislation like equal pay for equal work, we are forced to ask ourselves when did the march for progress hit such a wall in our state? 92 years ago, Wisconsin declared women equal "in all other respects"; Are we living up to that declaration today?



Gov. John James  
Blaine (R)



## Milwaukee Youth Prayer

Saturday, July 13  
1-4pm

Washington Park  
Milwaukee

Food, Gospel, Give-  
aways, Clowns, Group  
Prayer, Family Friendly  
Fun

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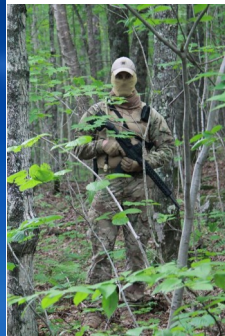
## **PUBLIC MEETING ON 76TH STREET ROADWORK**

Thursday, July 25th, the Wisconsin DOT will host a public meeting on roadwork planned for 76th Street between Grantosa Drive and Florist Avenue. The meeting is from 4-7pm at the James Madison High School Auditorium, 8315 W Florist Avenue. The plan includes repaving 76th Street, replacing the existing bridge, and improving local infrastructure. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring of 2019. DOT representatives will be on hand at the meeting to answer any questions about the project.



## **MINES' ARMED GUARDS OPERATING ILLEGALLY**

At the site of a proposed iron ore mine in Northern Wisconsin, a security company, armed with semi-automatic machine guns, camouflage, and tactical gear, has run afoul of the law. The company, Bulletproof Securities of Arizona, violated Wisconsin statutes by operating armed without licenses. The mining company, Gogebic Taconite, says the company will stand down until their Wisconsin license is approved. There has been no indication that charges will be filed from the District Attorney.



## **Wise Words of the Week!**

Contact Us!  
We Enjoy  
Hearing  
From You!

"Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputations... can never effect a reform."

— Susan B. Anthony



"I had reasoned this out in my mind, there was one of two things I had a right to, liberty or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other."

— Harriet Tubman

